

Thus it was that Eapp related to me this famous battle *of* which he was the hero, as Kellerman had been the hero of Marengo. What now remains of Austerlitz ? The recollection, the glory, and the magnificent picture of Gerard, the idea of which was suggested to the Emperor by the sight of Eapp with the blood streaming from his wound.

I cannot forbear relating here a few particulars which I learned from Eapp respecting his mission after the cure of his wound, and the marriage of Prince Eugene to the Princess Augusta of Bavaria. The friendship which Eapp cherished for me was of the most sincere kind. During my disgrace he did not even conceal it from Napoleon; and whoever knows anything of the Emperor's Court will acknowledge that *that* was a greater mark of courage than the carrying of a redoubt or making the most brilliant charge of cavalry. Eapp possessed courage of every kind, an excellent heart, and a down-right frankness, which for a time brought him into disgrace with Napoleon. The only thing for which Eapp could be reproached was his extreme prejudice against the nobility, which I am convinced was the sole reason why he was not created a Duke.<sup>1</sup> The Emperor made him a count because he wished that all his *aides de camp* should have titles.

"He had been a fortnight at Schoenbrunn," said Eapp to me, "and I had not yet resumed my duties, when the Emperor sent for me. He asked me whether I was able to travel, and on my replying in the affirmative, he said, 'Go, then, and give an account of the battle of Austerlitz to Mar-niont, and vex him for not having been at it.' I set off, and in conformity with the instructions I had received from the Emperor I proceeded to Gratz, where I found Marmont, who was indeed deeply mortified at not having had a share in the great battle. I told him, as the Emperor had directed me, that the negotiations were commenced, but that nothing was yet concluded, and that therefore, at all events, he must

do justice to the calculated daring by which Napoleon disregarded the Prussian advance and crushed the allies before Prussia could bring her power to bear. One undoubted result of Austerlitz was the death of the great English patriot, William Pitt, who is said to have been as much killed by it as if actually shot on the field; See *Alison*, chap. xl. para. 167. <sup>1</sup> Or *vice versa*? — JR.EADEK.